

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

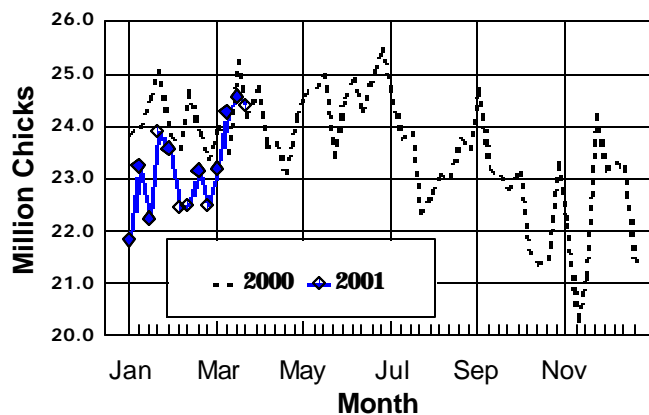
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.4 million during the week ending March 31, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from both the comparable week in 2000, and the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 31, 2001 were 301.8 million, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.9 million, slightly below the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

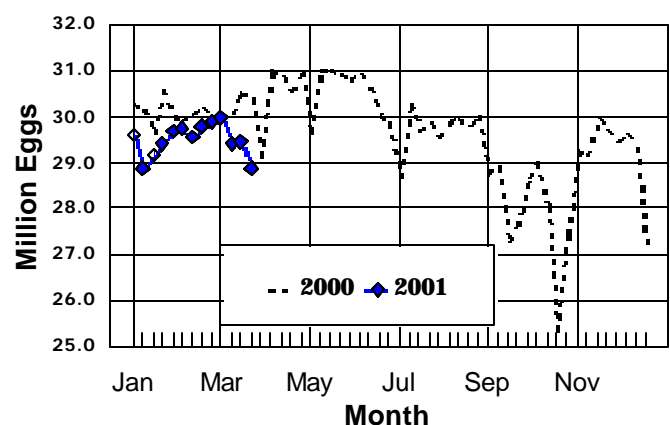
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 28.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 31, 2001, 1 percent below the same period last year, and down 2 percent from the previous week.

| Week Ending | NET PLACEMENTS | | | CHICKS HATCHED | | | EGGS SET | | |
|-------------|----------------|--------|----------|----------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|----------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | % Change | 2000 | 2001 | % Change | 2000 | 2001 | % Change |
| | <i>1,000</i> | | | <i>1,000</i> | | | <i>1,000</i> | | |
| Feb. 24 | 23,384 | 23,167 | 99 | 24,686 | 24,393 | 99 | 30,009 | 29,820 | 99 |
| Mar. 3 | 24,043 | 22,485 | 94 | 24,797 | 24,515 | 99 | 30,063 | 29,916 | 100 |
| Mar. 10 | 23,490 | 23,203 | 99 | 24,722 | 24,466 | 99 | 30,079 | 29,991 | 100 |
| Mar. 17 | 25,285 | 24,259 | 96 | 24,695 | 24,708 | 100 | 30,563 | 29,426 | 96 |
| Mar. 24 | 24,194 | 24,556 | 102 | 24,901 | 24,804 | 100 | 30,408 | 29,443 | 97 |
| Mar. 31 | 24,765 | 24,415 | 99 | 24,967 | 24,914 | 100 | 29,139 | 28,886 | 99 |

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

| EGGS SET (in Thousands) | | | | | | CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands) | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | Week Ending | | | | 1/ | | Week Ending | | | | 1/ | |
| STATE | 10-Mar | 17-Mar | 24-Mar | 31-Mar | % | 24-Feb | 03-Mar | 10-Mar | 17-Mar | 24-Mar | 31-Mar | % |
| Alabama | 29,162 * | 28,653 | 28,597 * | 29,046 | 100 | 20,374 | 21,304 | 21,388 | 21,177 | 21,477 * | 22,454 | 103 |
| ARKANSAS | 29,991 | 29,426 | 29,443 | 28,886 | 99 | 23,167 | 22,485 | 23,203 | 24,259 | 24,556 | 24,415 | 99 |
| Delaware | 3,669 | 3,574 | 3,682 * | 3,670 | 84 | 4,232 | 4,905 | 4,817 | 5,250 | 4,799 * | 5,276 | 103 |
| Florida | 2,544 | 2,679 | 2,695 | 2,678 | 91 | 2,434 | 2,353 | 2,408 | 2,400 | 2,364 | 2,230 | 90 |
| Georgia | 31,589 * | 31,873 | 31,851 * | 31,531 | 98 | 24,539 | 24,227 | 24,779 | 25,946 | 26,262 * | 25,990 | 100 |
| Maryland | 8,736 | 8,888 | 8,608 | 8,624 | 99 | 5,715 | 5,717 | 5,602 | 6,140 | 5,714 * | 5,377 | 98 |
| Mississippi | 19,004 | 18,821 | 19,018 | 18,670 | 101 | 14,874 | 15,174 | 15,388 | 15,151 | 15,954 | 15,662 | 101 |
| N. Carolina | 17,934 * | 18,282 | 18,017 | 17,948 | 99 | 13,999 | 14,284 | 14,716 | 14,873 | 14,495 | 14,685 | 105 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,933 * | 3,794 * | 3,548 * | 3,810 | 102 | 2,882 | 2,402 | 2,689 * | 2,744 * | 2,838 * | 2,869 | 104 |
| S. Carolina | 4,846 | 4,983 | 5,051 | 4,911 | 100 | 3,760 | 4,044 | 3,702 | 3,754 | 4,245 | 3,797 | 96 |
| Texas | 14,738 | 14,798 | 14,851 | 14,684 | 101 | 11,532 | 11,415 | 11,443 | 11,643 | 11,778 | 11,617 | 102 |
| Virginia | 6,647 | 6,717 | 6,883 | 6,686 | 101 | 5,602 | 5,592 | 5,859 | 5,373 | 5,659 | 5,287 | 88 |
| CA TN & W VA | 11,496 | 11,483 | 11,342 * | 11,327 | 96 | 9,483 | 9,981 | 10,412 | 10,268 | 10,176 * | 10,142 | 94 |
| Total 2000-2001 | 184,289 * | 183,971 * | 183,586 * | 182,471 | | 142,593 | 143,883 | 146,406 * | 148,978 * | 150,317 * | 149,801 | |
| Total 1999-2000 | 184,823 | 184,452 | 184,908 | 184,583 | | 141,374 | 141,126 | 142,475 | 147,869 | 147,502 | 149,908 | |
| % PREV. YEAR | 100 | 100 | 99 | 99 | | 101 | 102 | 103 | 101 | 102 | 100 | |
| APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001..... | | | | | | 14-Apr | 21-Apr | 28-Apr | 05-May | 12-May | 19-May | |

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 182 million eggs during the week ending March 31, 2001. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 31, 2001. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through March 31, 2001 were 1.88 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.